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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Upcoming Hearings at the Senate Armed Services Committee on Use of Polygraph

1. I talked with Roger Pitkin, DoD, today concerning the upcoming hearings at the Senate Armed Services Committee on use of the polygraph. Those hearings, originally scheduled for 1 February, have been postponed to an undetermined date during the last week of February or the first week in March.

2. There will be two days of hearings. The first session will concentrate on technical matters. The Chief of the NSA's Polygraph Division, [] will testify on the technical aspects of the polygraph. He will do a show and tell, including an actual demonstration of a machine. Two witnesses who were involved in the OTA study on the polygraph commissioned by the Brooks Committee, will present technical/scientific evidence to demonstrate that the polygraph does not work. The second day's hearings will deal with policy issues. DoD envisages the following:

(a) An FBI witness to discuss the increasing CI threat;

(b) CIA and NSA to testify on their respective polygraph programs, giving an evaluation and emphasizing the polygraph's utility. General Faurer is the proposed NSA witness, and Pitkin suggests that we also have a senior official testify for the CIA; and


(c) General Stilwell, or possibly Deputy Secretary of Defense Will Taft, will testify on the DoD's proposed polygraph program.

3. Pitkin said that the Armed Services Committee staff indicated that they would let DoD handle the hearings

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as DoD wished. The staff let it be known that they will not put on the kind of show that the Brooks Committee had.

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